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EDITORIALS

RUN-OFF PRIMARIES

We are inclined to grant merits of the "run-off primary. This device is used in a number of states to make certain that those nominated and elected to office represent truly the greatest portion of voters. But we wonder if it is always necessary to demand that a candidate secure votes of over 50 per cent of the voters. When there are three and often up to a dozen candidates, the vote will be split up along sectional lines and it is difficult for any one candidate to command the required more than fifty per cent. It is possible for the run-off to develop into political trades among defeated minority groups. One way to get over this hurdle is to provide for second choice expressions in the first primary. Then if no on ecandidate got over 50 per cent, election judges could count second choice ballots of minority candidates.

Virginia does not employ the run-off primary device. Governors have been elected and served ably, who received less than fifty per cent of the total vote cast in multi-contested races. There is some ground for holding that the run-off principal encourages a larger number of candidates.

YOUNGER VOTERS

Senator Ives, Republican, of New York State is a politician that. He warns his party that it needs a new program. He cites the fact that recent polls reveal that two of three young voters prefer the Democratic Party. Republican voters are older voters. Senator Ives declares that as these older voters die out they are not being replaced, and so in order to survive, his party must get out from under the label of reactionary.

Another point might be made. It is that it is a healthy and wholesome sign that despite its years in power, the Democratic Party has not become a party of "tired, old men," but has keep its dynamic and liberal spirit, so that it continues to appeal to and attract to the pioneer spirit of youth.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

THE CHANCES OF WAR

(From Winchester Star)

The question dominating American thought is whether war in the near future is probable. Air Force leaders, particularly Mr. Symington and General Vanderberg, have been talking as i.. war were just around the corner.

In contrast is the sober, carefully worded statement made last week by General MacArthur. General MacArthur says he does not believe the Soviet Union wishes or intends to commence aggressive war within the next ten years. His estimate is that not until 1952 will the Soviet Union have developed the economic potential to wage even a short war of the conventional type. It is his judgment that it will take Russia some ten years to develop the economic strength to wage a protracted war on a large scale—the only kind of war which would stand any chance of defeating the United States. General MacArthur continues.

"The basic reason I have for concluding that there will not be a war soon is because of the changed nature of war. The scientists of the world have developed to such an extraordinary degree the processes of ways of accomplishing mass killings that war is no longer rationally a means of settling international problems. Its destructiveness has become so great that there can be no winner. Both sides lose. It is almost a form of mutual suicide. . . . .

"I think it is foolish to assume, that the Russians wish to start an aggressive war now."

General MacArthur's view is that the Soviet Union will not intentionally start a war unless it feels certain that it can be won. No world war could be won by Russia, without first knocking out the United States. General MacArthur estimates that it will be at least ten years before Russia will advance to a point where she will have even reasonable assurance of victory.

It is heartening, we think, to obtain this estimate of the situation from one who speaks not only as Supreme Commander of the Allied and United States forces in Japan, but as a former chief-of-staff.

FOUND: $1,400,000,000 !

(From The New York Times)

The magnitude of our Federal budget is dramatically indicated by Washington reports that revised estimates of income and outgo for the fiscal year 1950 may leave the Government $1,400,000,000 better off than had been expected. This sum is not small change, even though we are spending at the rate of $42,000,000,000 or more a year. It is more than one-fourth as much as the total Federal receipts in 1940, the last pre-war year. It is considerably more than the House Ways and Means Committee has proposed to whittle out of prevailing excise taxes.

The explanation is, of course, that we have spent a little less and collected a little more than predicted. Our financial status goes up and down like the temperature of a patient with an intermittent fever. In January President Truman thought we would be $5,500,000,000 in the hole by June 30. Collections in March sustained the pessimism. Since March business has been looking up, with consequent increases in revenue from various sources. At the same time there has been some drop in expenditures. This may be illusory, for what is not spent before June 30 may have to be spent afterwards. Still, at the moment we appear to be going into debt more slowly than we were.

This episode illustrates once more how far we are from a scientific budget. Dollar-for-dollar accuracy in predicting revenues would imply complete Federal control of our national economy. Expenditures, barring the unexpected, are easier to determine. Just now the largest flexible items are defense and various forms of foreign aid, and in these fields, in their present magnitude, budgetary experience is limited. We have to feel our way. But the President and Congress, working together, might avoid meataxe cuts or impulsive and unreasoned increases.

The $1,400,000,000 windfall, if that is what it is, will no doubt have some influence on the controversy between the President and Congress over the excise tax cuts. That is, it will get into politics. Perhaps, in a mid-term year, this is inevitable. It does, however, make it just that much harder to run the Federal Government— the biggest business in the country—on a businesslike basis.

HIGHWAY NETWORK

A network of more than 20,000 miles of paved highway stands ready to serve motorists in the Old Dominion this year, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

Some 9,000 miles are on the trunk route primary highways, and another 12,000 miles on the rural roads leading into the agricultural heart of Virginia, locally known as the secondary or county highways.

In 1945's large-scale road improvement program, the State Highway Department hard surfaced 630 miles of former unpaved secondary roads, and rebuilt nearly 200 miles o primary highways. Some 70 new bridges were constructed on the primary system and another 285 on the secondary roads.

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Mr. McKinney was one of the most elegant and amiable gentlemen we have ever known, and one of the most fearless and faithful officers. He spent a great part of his life at the Appomattox Hotel and we naturally knew him intimately. Everybody who has even known Winston McKinney has respected and loved him for his gentleness and rich human sympathies.

Cordially,
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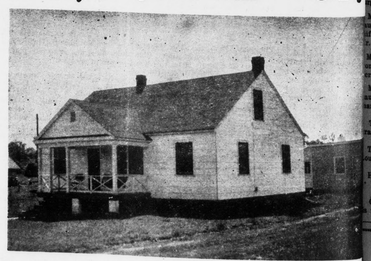

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...H. Y. Spencer, of Spencer's ... Store, Appomattox, plans to ...

...Honorable Carl T. Durham, ...hairman of the Atomic Ener... Commission and a member of ... representing the sixth ...ct of North Carolina, will in... ...ss, "Pharmacy of Today as ... a Congressman Pharma... discuss some of the current ...ms affecting retail pharmacy ...scribe to some extent the ...ce of atomic energy in the ...f pharmacy. Also, on Tuesday ...oon, George P. Larrick, As... Commissioner of the Food ...g Administration will speak ...gulations of the Food, Drug, ...smetic Act.

...highlight of the convention will ... address on Tuesday morn... Dr. John W. Dargavel, Exec... Secretary of the National As... ...on of Retail Druggists, who ...ss on the importance of phar... ...utical organizations on the lo... ...te, and national levels.

...ar Trade ... The Corner Stone ...ree Store Security" will be ...ressed on Monday after... by Dr. Robert L. Ewain, Edi... of Drug Topics.

...s on Monday afternoon the ...sociate will be privileged to ... Dr. Paul C. Olsen, author, edu... and economist, who will dis... the "Analysis and Interpreta... of the Financial Records of a ... Store."

...e work of the association dur... the past year and issues facing ...rganization in the coming year ...be reported upon and discussed ...business sessions during the ...ention program, Secretary Not... said. Members will elect ...rs at the closing session on ...day afternoon.

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...Gladstone, June 3.- Mrs. Alice ...ted, Mrs. William Waggette and ...s. Gwen Martin, of Erie, Pa., ...e visiting Mrs. A. M. Hasted.

...Mr. and Mrs. Forrest T. Banton, ...s. J. D. Banton and children visited at Fork Union Academy this ...ek. They were accompanied home ...by F. T. Banton, who has been a ...dent there the past session.

...Mrs. Dallas E. Walton visited ...atives here Thursday.

...David Dunn, who has been stay... with his grandmother, Mrs. C. ... Meburris, left the first of this ...k for a visit with his parents, ...r. and Mrs. M. L. Dunn, in Peters...rg.

...Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Colvin and ...aughter, Miss Dorothy Colvin, of ...lton Forge were recent guests of ...r. and Mrs. F. R. Greaver.

...Mrs. John W. Moss has returned ...om Norfood, where she visited ...er mother, Mrs. W. C. McCraw.

...Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Parrish and ...aughter visited his parents at Shipman the first of the week.

...Thirty-seven survivors of C-46 ...rash are rescued by U. S. ship.

...Three men burned to death on ...oute 1 after car crash.

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...General Bradley declares there ...s no cold war victor yet.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, June 6.- The Vera P.-T. A. held its regular meeting Wednesday, May 31, at the school. Mr. George Abbitt, Sr. was elected president. Mrs. Wilson Scruggs was named vice-president; Mrs. Bernard Childress, secretary and treasurer.

After the business meeting, the seventh grade gave a Closing Day program, in which each member participated. Several rhythm band numbers were given.

Mrs. Mosby Payne and mother, Mrs. Winners, have returned to Lynchburg after spending some time at their home here.

Mrs. J. H. Reynolds gave an ice cream supper Saturday night at her home here. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, and daughter, Brinda; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and Gaynelle; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and Myrlin Kaye; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and family and Mrs. Lyle Davidson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Harvey and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Lovingston visited Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter Sunday.

BRINKLEY TO ADDRESS SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS

Commissioner of Agriculture P. C. Brinkley is scheduled to speak at the 10th anniversary of the Piedmont Soil Conservation District on June 14.

The program will be held at the H. V. Palmore farm, four miles southeast of Powhatan.

The Piedmont district is composed of Powhatan, Nottoway, Amelia, Prince Edward and Dinwiddie Counties.

On the program will be an inspection tour of the farm, which Mason Kanabe, member of the Piedmont district board of supervisors, calls a "splendid demonstration of how the right combination of soil conservation practices can save the soil and plant food and make money for the farmer."

FERRY NOW OPEN

The opening of the Eastern Shore ferry terminal at Kiptopeke cuts the trip across Chesapeake Bay to Norfolk, Va., and travel on the north-south ocean highway by half an hour, according to the Virginia Travel Council. $2,750,000 will be spent in the construction of these improved facilities by the Virginia Ferry Corporation.

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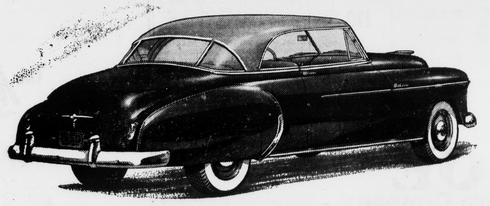

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